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SUBJECT: CONFERENCE OF "PROGRESSIVE PARTIES" OF INDIAN OCEAN

REF: A) 77 VICTORIA 750, B) 77 PORT LOUIS 1208 (NOTAL),
C) 77 STATE 244112

1. DURING CHANCE JANUARY 14 ENCOUNTER AT HOTEL, CHARGE LEARNED FROM VISITING MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT (MMM) SECRETARY GENERAL PAUL BERENGER THAT SUBJECT CONFERENCE WOULD BE HELD IN SEYCHELLES IN LATTER HALF OF MARCH. BERENGER SAID DELAY FROM ORIGINAL FEBRUARY TIME-FRAME (REF B) CAUSED BY "PREOCCUPATION" OF REUNION COMMUNIST AND RADICAL LEFT PARTIES WITH MARCH 12 FRENCH ELECTIONS. BERENGER CONFIRMED THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD REPRESENT PARTIES FROM COMOROS, REUNION, SEYCHELLES, MAURITIUS AND MADAGASCAR.

2. IN PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED IN SEPTEMBER 1977 AT TIME OF LAST VISIT (77 VICTORIA 562), BERENGER SAID CONFERENCE WOULD EXAMINE
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"MILITARIZATION" OF INDIAN OCEAN, "GROWING IMPORTANCE OF FRENCH BASES" IN REGION AND U.S. AND SOVIET MILITARY PRESENCE.

3. IN COURSE OF JANUARY 16 MEETING SCHEDULED LAST WEEK, SEYCHELLES' PRESIDENT RENE CONFIRMED THAT CONFERENCE WILL DEFINIETELY BE HELD IN SEYCHELLES AND WOULD BE PRECEDED BY PRELIMINARY MEETING IN MADAGASCAR LATER THIS MONTH. ACTUAL

DATES OF CONFERENCE, NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, CONFERENCE SITE,
AGENDA, ETC. WILL BE DECIDED AT MADAGASCAR MEETING. RENE ADDED
THAT MADAGASCAR HAS AGREED TO DEFRAY ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS
FOR DELEGATIONS.
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